In the matter of Alfred Chartz, Esq., for Contempt DECISION

show cause whw he should not be false charges or vilification. adjudged guilty of contempt for hav- He may fully present, discuss and

not know what they wrote about."

ious; disavowed any intention to com- and protect. mit a contempt of court; and, further gized for its use and asked that the and intentional misconduct. same he stricken from the neutition.

cognizance of, attributing its see to over zealousness upon the part of were being "impelled or controlled by some mythical political influence or fear, which exists only in the pyrotechnic imigination of censel.

Also, the case and its condition at the time the objectionable language was used, should be taken into consideration. The proceeding, in which commenced, the prisoner's counsel prithis petition was filed, had been vately handed to the judge a letter. brought to test the constitutionality of a section of an Act of the Legislature limiting labor to eight nours per day in smelters and other ore reduction works, except in cases of emer- judge had conceived a prejudice gency where life or property is in against him, and that his mind was imminant danger, Stat. 1903, p. 33. This Act had passed the Legislature almost unanimously and had received the Governor's approval. At the time of filing the petition, respond no was aware that the court had previously sustained the validity of the enactment as limiting the hours :1 labor in underground mines, Re A. 47, and in mills for the reduction of ores, Re Kair 28 Nev. 80 P. 464. and that similar statutes had been upheld by the Supreme Court of Utah and the Supreme Court of the United States in the cases of State v. Holden, 14 Utah 71 and 86, 46 P. 757 and 1105, 37 L. R. A. 103 and 108; Holden v Hardy 169 U. S. 366, 18 Sup. Ct. 382; Short v. Mining Company, 29 Utah, 20, 57 P. 720, 45 L. R. A. 603, and by the Supreme Court of the State of Missouri re Cantwell, 179 Mo. 245, 78 S. W. 569. It may not be out of place here, also to note that the latter case has since been affirmed by the S" preme Court of the United States, and more recently the latter tribunal, adhering to its opinion therein and in the Utah cases, has refused to interfere with the decisions of this Co-

It would seem therefore, a natural and proper, if not a necessary deduction from the language in question, when taken in connection with the law of the cases as enunciated by this and other courts, that counsel, finding that the opinion of the highest court in the land was adverse instead of favorable to his contentions in that it specifically affirmed the Utah decision in Holden vs. Hardy, which sustained the statute from which ours is copied, and that all the courts named were adverse to the views he advocated, had resorted to abuse of the Justices of this and other courts, and to imputations of their motives.

The language quoted is tantamount to the charge that this tribunal and the Supreme Courts of Utah. Missouri and of the United States and the Justices thereof who participated in the opinions upholding statutes limiting the hours of labor in mines, smelters and other ore reduction works. were misguided by ignorance or base policonsiderations.

Taking the most charitable view it counsel became so imbued and misgrided by his own ideas and concinsions that he honestly and eroneously conceived that we were controlled by ignorance or sinister motives instead of by law and justice in determining constitutional or other questions, and that these other courts and judges and the members of the legislature and Governor were guilty of the accusation he made occause they and we failed to follow the theories he advocated, and that his opinions ought to outweigh and turn the scale against the decisions of the four courts named including the highest in the land with nineteen justices concurring. nevertheless it was entirely inappro-

priate to make the statement in brief If he really believed or knew of facts to sustain the charge he made he ought to have been aware that the purpose of such a document is to enlighten the court in regard to the controlling facts and the law. and convince by argument, and net to abuse and vilify, and that this court is not endowed with nower to hear or determine charges impeaching its Justices. On the other hand if he did not believe the accusation and made it with a cesire to mislead, intimidate or swerve from duty the Court in its uccision, the statement would be the more censurable. So that taking eitne- view, whether respondent believed or disbelieved the guade is unwarranted and contemp-

tious. The outy of an attorney in

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE bis brief or argument is to assist the court in ascertaining the truth per taining to the pertinent facts, the rea effect of decisions and the law applicaple in the case, and he far oversteps the bounds of professional conduct Respondent was commanded to when he reports to in srepresentation

ing, as an attorney of record in the argue the evidence and the law and matter of the application of Peter Kair freely indicate wherein he beneves for a Writ of Habeas Corous filed in that decisions and rulings are wrong or this court a petition for rehearing in erroneous, but this he may do withwhich he made use of the following out effectually making bald accusations against the motives and intelli-"In my opinion, the decisions favor- gence of the court, or being discouring the power of the State to limit the teous or resorting to abuse which is hours of labor, on the ground of the not argument nor convincing to reapolice power of the State, are all soning minds. If respondent has no trong, and written by men who have respect for the justices, he ought to never performed manual labor, or my have enough regard for his position politicians and for politics. They do at the bar to refrain from attacting the tribunal of which he is a mem-Respondent apeared in response to ber, and which the people, through the citation, filed a brief and made an the Constitution and by general conextended address to the Court in sent have made the final interpreter which he took the position that the of the laws which ne, as an officer words in question were not contempt. of the court, has sworn to uphold

These duties are so plain that any that if the langauge was by the court departure from them by a member deemed to be objectionable, he apoli- of the bar would seem to be willful

In considering the foregoins state, contempt and to maintain dignity in she had answered it, whereupon one ment it is proper to note that in the their proceedings is inherent and is of the attorneys sprang to his feet, briefs filed by Respondent upon the as old as courts are old. It is also and, turning to the court, said, in a hearing of the case in the first 'n provided by statute. By analogy we stance, he used language of similar note the adjudications and penalties import which this court did not take imposed in a few of the many cases.

ord Cottingham imprisoned Edmund Lechmere Charlton a barrister counsel, but which was of such a 17. and member of the House of Comture that the Attorney General in his mons for sending a scandalous letter reply prief referred to 1 as insinuat- to one of the masters of the court, ing that the Legislature in enacting and a committee from that body, after and this court in sustaining the law an investigation, reported that in their opinion his "claim to be discharged from imprisorment by reason of privi- it contained the following: legde of parliament ought not to be admitted." 2 Milne and Craig. 317.

When the case of People vs. Tweed in New York came up a second time before the same judge, before the trial arguments and things,' could not, with couched in respectful language, in which they stated, substantially, that their client feared, from the circumstauces of the former trial, that the not in the unbiased condition necessary to afford an impartial trial, and respectfully requested him to consider whether he should not relinquish the duty of presiding at the trial to some other judge, at the same time declaring that no personal disrespect was intended toward the judge of the court. The judge retained the letter Boyce, 27 Nev. 327, 75 P. L., 65 L. R. and went on with the trial. At the end of the trial e sentenced three of the writers to a fine of \$250 each. and publically reprimanded the oth- This we regard as a grave breach of ers, the junior counsel, at the time ex- professional propriety. Every person pressing the opinion that if such a on his admission to the bar takes an land, they would have be from the bar within one hour." counsel at the time protested that they intended no contempt intended to express no disrespect for the judge but that their acwhat they deemed . T v. al thromose of their client and the faithful and conscientious discharge of the r duty. The judge accepted the disclaimer of personal disrespect, but refused to believe the disclaimer of intention to commit a contempt and enforced the fines. 11 Albany Law Journal 408. 26 Am. R. 752. For sending to a district judge out

of court a letter stating that "The ruling you have made is directly contrary to every principal of law, and every body knows .. I believe and It is our desire that no such decision shall stand unreversed in any court we practice in," an attorney was fineu \$50 and suspended from practice until the amount should be paid. In delivering the opinion of the Supreme Court of Kansas in Re Prior, 18 Kan. 72. 26 Am., 747. Brewer J., said:

Upon this we remark, in according place that the language of this letter is very insulting. To say to a judge that a certain ruing which he has made is contrary to every principle o. law and that everybody . nowe it is

certainly a most severe imputation. We remark, secondly, that an attorney is under special obligations to be considerate and respectful in his conduct and communications to a judge He is an officer of the court, and it is therefore his duty to uphold its honor and dignity. The independence of the transaction he did not have the slightprofession carries with it the right freely to challenge, criticise and condemn all matters and things under review and in evidence. Put with this privilege goes the corresponding obligation of constant courtesy and respect toward the triounal in which the proceedings are pending. And the fact that the tribunal is an inferior one, and its rulings not final and without appeal, does not diminish in the slightest degree this obligation of courtesy and respect. A justice of the peace before whom the most trifling matter 's being litigated is entitled to receive from every attorney in the case correous and respectful treatment. A sentere to extend this courtesy and respectful treatment is exercise of the power to punish for

contempt. It is so that in every case where a judge decides for one party., he decides against another; and oftimes both parties are before hand conally discretion, be instantly apprehended confident and sangiline. The disaptant immediately imprisoned, without pointment, therefore, is great, and it is not in human nature that there should be other than bitter feeling which often reaches to the judge as the cause of the supposed wrong. A judge, therefore, ought to be patient and tolerate everything that innears but the momentary outbreak and disspondent believed or disbelieved the appointment. A second thought will select charge he made, such language is unwarranted and contemp-such an outbreak. So an attorney

ependence, may become want to use the laws ontemptuous, angry or insulting ex- of public ressions at every adverse ruling un- officers of il it become the court's clear duty minister o check the habit by the severe leson of a punishment for contempt. Lat to in The single insulting expression for rehearing hich the court punisnes may there- Lonors no ore seem to those knowing nothing of cree." an he prior conduct of the attorney, and to commit looking only at the single remark, a stituting a ratter which might well be unnotice actorney; ed; and yet if all the conduct of the guage soch

We remark finally, that while from he very nature of things the power opinion we quote: of a court to punish for contempt is a vast power, and one which, in the hands of a corrupt or unworthy judge may be used tyrannically and unjustly, yet protection to individuals lies the publicity of all judicial proceedings, and the appeal which may be made to the legislature for nroproceedings against any judge who proves himself unworthy of the power intrusted to him."

Where a contention arose between counsel as to whether a witness had not already answered a certain question, and the court after hearing the The power of courts to punish for reporter's notes read, decided that tene and insulting manner lead She has not answered the question' held that the attorney was guilty of centempt regardless of the question waether the decision of e court was right or wrong." Russell v. Circuit Judge, 67 lowa, 102.

In Sears v. Starbird, 75 Cal. 91, 7 Am. St. 123, a brief reflecting unon the trial judge was stricken from the record in the Supreme Court, because

"The court, out or a fullness of his love for a cause, the parties to it or their counsel, or from an overzealous desire to adjudicate all matters, points any degree of propriety under the law. patch and doctor up the cause of the plain ffs, whic... perhaps, the carelessness of their counsel had left in such a condition as to entitle them to no relief whatever."

In reference to this language it was

said in the opinion: "i ere is anet intimation that the judge of ...e court below did not act from proper motives, but from a love of the parties or their counsel, We see nothing in the record which suggests that such was the case. On the contrary, .e action complained of seems to us to have been entirely proper: See Sil v. Reese, 47 Cal. 340 The brief, therefore contains a groun. less c arge against the purity of motive of the judge of the court below thing had been cone by them in Eng- oath to faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney and counceler Surely such a course as was taken in this case is not in compliance w. that duty. In Friedlander v. sumner court and that they felt and G. & S. M. Co., 61 cal. 117. The court

'If unfortunately counsel in any tion had been taken in furtherance of lease shall ever so far forget himself as willfully to employ langauge manifeetly disrespectful to the judge of the superior court-a thing not to be anticipated-we shall deem it our duty to treat such conduct as a contempt of this court, and to proceed accordingly; and the briefs of the case were ordered to be stricken from the files." In U. S. v. Late Corporation of

Church of Jesus Cheist of Later Day Saints, language used in the petition filed in effect accusing the court of an attempt to shield its receiver and his attorneys from an investigation of charges of gross misconduct in office and containing the statement that "We must decline to assume the functions of a grand jury; or attempt to perform the duty of the court in investigating the conduct of its offcers. "was held to be contemptuous. 211 P. 519.

In re Terry, 36 Fed. 419 an extreme case, for charging the court with having seen briben, resisting removal from the court room by the marshau acting under an order from the bench and using abusive language, one of the defendants was sent to jail for thirty days and the other for six months. Judge erry, who had not made any accusation against the court sought release and to be purged of the contempt by a sworn potition in which he alleged that in the est idea of showing any disrespect to the court. It was held that this could not avail or relieve him and it was

said: "The law imputes an intent to accomplish the natural result of one's acts, and, when those acts are of a criminal nature, it will not accept, against such implication the denial of the transgressor. No one would be safe if a denial or a wrongful or criminal intent would suffice to realese the violator from the punishment due in

his offenses." In an application for a writ of ha beas corpus growing out of that case. Justice Harlan, speaking for the Supreme court of the United States said: "We have seen that it is a settled a failure of day; and it may be so doctrine in the jurisprudence both of gross a dereliction as to warrant the England and of this country, never suposed to be in conflict with the liberty of the citizens, that for direct contempt committed in the face of the court, at least one of superior jurisdiction, the offender may in its discretion, be instantly apprehended trial or issue, and without other proof than its actual knowledge of what occurred; and that according to an unbroken chain of authorices reaching the court held that it could not con: Losses paid back to the earliest times, such pow- sistently with its duty receive a brief Losses incurred er, although arbitrary in its nature expressed in disrespectful language. and liable to abuse, is absolutely es- and ordered the clerk to take it from sential to the protection of the the fles courts in the discharge of their func-tions. Without it juddial tribunals would be at the mercy of the disor-

128 U. S. 313.

In re or writ en is of itself erference and punis ment might be an intention to commit a contempt

atterney was known, the duty of in- necessarily offensive, the disavowal of 2d edition it is said:

systematically attempts to bring the to practice revoked."

its officers." spondent was fined for ironically stat- contempt which no construction of this magistrate wiser than the Su- disclaimer of an in-entional disrespreme court." Redfield, C. J., said: pect to the court may palliate but

here or there."

any alternative left him but the sub- intimidate or improperly influence our mission to what he no doubt regards decision. as a misapprehension of the law, both on the part of the justice and of this been severely punished for using lancourt. And in that respect he is in a guage in many instances not so repcondition very similar to many who rehensible, but in view of the disahave failed to convince others of the vowal in open court we have concludsoundness of their own views, or to ed not to impose a penalty so harsh became convinced themselves of their as disbarment or suspension from port showing and disburse-

In Mahoney v. State, 72 N. E. 151, an attorney was fined \$50 for saying against the misconflict of alteracys "I want to see whether the court is litigants ought not to be punished or right or not i want to know whether prevented from maintaining in the am going to be heard in tais case in the interests of my client or not. and making other insolent statements. In Redman v. State 28 Ind., the judge. informed counsel that a question was improper and the attorney replied: "If we cannot examine our witnesses he can stand aside." This language was deemed offensive and the court prohibited that particular attorney from examining the next witness.

In Brown v. Brown IV Ind. 727, the lawyer was taxed with the cost of the action for filing and reading a petition for divorce which was unnecessarily gross and indelicate.

In McCormick v. Sheridan, 30 P. 24 78 Cal. "A netition for rehearing stated that 'how or why the henorable commission should have so effectually and substantially ignored and disregarded the uncontradicted testimony. we do not know. It seems tast neither the transcript nor our briefs could have fallen under the commissioners observation. A more disin gentous and misleading statement of the evidence could not well be made. It is substantialy untrue and unwarranted. The decision seems to us to be a traversity of the evidence" Held that counsel drafting the petition was guilty of contempt committee in the face of the court, notwithstanding a discrevel of discrepetiful intention, A fine of \$200 was imposed with an ai-

ternative of serving in jail. The Chief Justice speaking for the court in State v. Morrill, 16 Ark. 310

said:

"If it was the general habit of the commulty to denounce, degrade, and disregard the decisions and indements of the courts, no man of self-respect and just pride of reduct in would re- done. main upon the sench. and such only Therefore, I concur in the concluwould become the ministers of the law as were insensible to defamation in the opinion of Justice Talbot, toand contempt. But happily for the good order of society, men, an especially the people of this country, are generally disposed to respect and abide the decisions of the tribunals ordained by government as the common arbiters of their rights. But where isolated individuals, in violation of the better instincts of human nature, and disregardful of law and order, wontanly attempt to obstruct the course of public justice by disre- of The Continental Casualty Company garding and exciting disrespect for the decisions of Its tribuna 3, every good c'tizen will point them out as proper subjects for legal animadver-

A court must haturally look first to an entightened and conservative bar, governed by a high sense of professional ethics and deeply sensible, as Other sources
they always are, of its necessity to Total income 1905 aid in the maintenance of public res pect for its opinions."

In Somers v. Torrey, 5 Paige Ch. 64 Dividends 28 Am. D. 411, it was held that the at- Other expenditures ... and impertment matter stood against the complainant and one not a party Risks written cost of the proceedings to have it ex-

nunged from the record.
In State v. Grafine, 1 La. Am. 183. Premiums received

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Referring to the rights of courts to The Sierra Nevada mining company punish for contempt, sinckford a line received \$2,722.67 from leasure oper-State v. Tiston, 1 Blackf. los, said: ating on Codar Hill during the month sometimes, thinking it a mark of is- derly and violent, who respect neither ". "This great power is entrusted to of February.

for the vindication these tribunals of testate or the sup- SPECIAL EXCURSION FROM SAME wivate rights, nor the port and preservation of their respecthe duty of ad- tability and independence; it has existed from the ear. . d veriol to which ny, by it was held the annals of judisprodence entend. rie into a petion for and, except in a tew cases of party viotowart that 'Your lence, it has been sanctioned and es an end an unjust de tablished by the experience of ages. e in ulting matter, is Lord Mayor of London's case, 3 Wilcon court an act con- son, 188; epinion o. Kent C. J., in notempt on the part of the the case of Yates, 4 . days, 317; Johnhat where the lan- son v. The Commonwealth 1 Bibb 538.

At page 206 of Weeks on Attorneys,

"Language may be contemptuous, may tend to excuse but cannot justify whether written or spoken; and if in the act. From a paragraph in that the presence of the court, notice is turn trip, stopovers will be allowed at "An atter or may unfit himself for scandalous and insulting matter in a the practice of his profession by the petition for rehearing is equivalent manner in which he conducts himself to the commission in open court of an in his intersourse with the courts, He act constituting a contempt. When charge and make all arrangements. may be honest and capable, and yet the language is capable of explanahe may so a nduct himself as to contin- tion, and is explained, the proceedings ually interrupt the business of the must be discontinued; but where it courts in which he practices; or he is offensive and insulting per se, the may by a systematic and continuous disavowal of an intention to commit ico, \$12.00. course of conduct, render it impossi- a contempt may tend to excuse, but ble for the courts to preserve their cannot justify the act. From an open, self-respect and the respect of the notorious and public insult to a court public and at the same time permit for which an attorney contumacionsly him to act as an officer and attorney, refused in any way to atone, he was An attorney who thus studiously and fined for contempt, and his authority

tribunals of justice into public con- Other authorities in line with these tempt is an unfit person to hold the we have mentioned are cited in the position and exercise the privileges of note to re Cary, 10 Fed. 632, and in an officer of those tribunals. An open 9 Cyc. r. 20, where it is said that notorious and public insult to the contempt may be committed by in- diately, will be as follows until furhighest judicial tribunal of the State serting in pleadings, briefs, motions, for which an attorney contumaciously arguments, petitions for rehearing or refuses in any way to atone, may just other papers filed in court insulting tify the refusal of that tribunal to or contemptuous language, reflecting recognize him in the future as one of on the integrity of the court. By using the objectionable language

In re Cooper, 32 Vt. 262, the restated respondent became guilty of a ing to a justice of the peace, "I think the words can excuse or purge. His "The counsel must submit in a jus- cannot justify a charge which under tice court as well as in this court, any explanation causes be construed

> As we have seen, attorneys have practice, or fine or imprisonment.

Nor do we forget that an prescribing case all petitions, pleadings, and pa- Balance in County Treasury at pers essential to the preservation and enforcement of their rights.

It is ordered that the offensive pet ition be stricken from the files, that this proceeding.

Tarbot, J.

I concur Norcross, J.

In this matter my concurrence is Special and to this extent!

The language used by the respon-and on which the contempt proceeding was based, was, in my opinion. contemptuous of this court; and, of course, should not have been used. The respondent nowever, in response to the order of the court to show cause why he should not be punished therefor, appeared and disclaimed any intention to be disrespectful or contemptuous: and moved that if the Court deemed the language contemptuous, the said language be stricken out of his petition.

Respondent not only coatended and said that he had no intention to be disrespectful or contemptuous, but he also earnestly contended that the language charged against him and which he admitted asving used was not disrespectful or contemptuous. In the last contention, I think he was plainly in error.

The duty of courts in matters of this kind is indeed an unpleasant one such at least it has a ways appeared to me. Yet it must sometimes be

side reacked and in the order stated wit:

'It is ordered that the offensive petition be stricken from the files, that respondent stand reprimanded and warned, and that he pay the costs of this proceeding.

> 0-0 ANNUAL STATEMENT

Fitzgerald, C. J.

Of Hammond Indiana. General office, Chicago, Iills. Capital (paid up)\$ 300,000 99 Assets 1,708,611 28 Liabilities, exclusive of capi-

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8.634 55 "iron . de A. A. SMITH, Secretary.

FRANCISCO TO CITY OF MEXICO AND RETURN. DECEMBER 16th.

A select party is being organized Ly the Southern Pacific to leave San Francisco for Mexico City, December 16th, 1905. Train will contain fine vestibule sleepers and dining car, all the way on going trip. Time limit will be sixty days, enabling excursionists to make side trips from City of Mexico to points of interest. On renot essential before punishment, and points on the main lines of Mexican Central, Santa Fe or Southern Pacific. An excursion manager will be in

Round trip rate from San Francisco

Pullman berth rate to City of Mex-

For further information address 'nformation Bureau, 613 Market street. San Francisco Cal.

- EVD Liberal Offer.

I beg to advise my patrons that the price of disc records (either Victor or Columbia), to take effect immether notice:

Ten inch disks formerly 70 cears will be sold for 60 cents.

Seven inch records formerly 50c, now 35c. Take advantage of this of-C. W. FRIEND.

Notice to Huntetrs.

Notice is hereby given that any nerson found hunting without a permit and with the same formal respect, otherwise than as reflecting on the in- on the premises owned by Theodo's however difficult, it may be either toligence and motives of the court. Winters, will be prosecuted. A linand which could scarcely have been ited number of permits vill be sold "We do not see that the relator has made for any other purpose unless to at \$5 for the season or 50 cents for one day.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR

To the Honorable, the Board of Come ty Commissioners, Gentlemen: In compliance with the law. herewith submit my quarterly re-

ments of Ormsby County, during the quarter ending Dec. 30, 1905. Quarterly Report. Ormsby County, Nevada.

end of last quarter 39108 77% warned, and that he pay the costs of Fees of Co. officers527 05 Fines in Justice Court125 00 Rent of Co. biuliding302 50 Slot machine license282 00

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County Treasurer. Disbursements

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Cash in Treasury January 1, 190039108 775 Receipts from January 1st to March 31st 1906 9104 813 Dishursements from January 187 to March 31st 1906...... 16936 42

Balance cash in Co. Treasury H. DIETERICH

County Auditor